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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - APRIL 7

1. SUMMARY. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SOVIET PRESS:
--A KRASNAYA ZVEZDA COMMENTARY IS SHARPLY CRITICAL
OF THE "ANTI-CUBAN" CAMPAIGN IN THE U.S., LINKING THE
SECRETARY'S NAME WITH THREATS OF ARMED INTERVENTION; LITGAZ
HAS A HARVARD SPOKESMAN ASSERTING THAT U.S. INTEREST IN
DETENTE WILL CONTINUE AFTER THE ELECTIONS;
--PRAVDA SAYS THE B-W ELECTIONS SHOW CONTINUING
SUSCEPTIBILITY OF THE WEST GERMAN POPULACE TO NATIONALIST
DEMAGOGUERY BUT DO NOT PREJUDGE OCTOBER RESULTS;
--PALME'S LUNCHEON SPEECH APRIL 6 MAKES SEVERAL
SHARP JABS AT THE SOVIET UNION ON BASKET III, EVEN IN THE
PRAVDA VERSION;
--CENTRAL COMMITTEE STAFFER WRITES A THEORETICAL
PIECE ON THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT, EMPHASIZING THAT
SOVIET STATE POWER IS ITS MOTOR;
--PRAVDA REPORTS EGYPTIAN JOURNAL'S REGRET OVER
ABORGATION OF THE TREATY;
--IZVESTIYA REPORTS ANNOUNCEMENT OF A VISIT BY JUAN
CARLOS TO CHILE, AMONG OTHER CRITICAL REMARKS ON THE
SPANISH GOVERNMENT;
--KRASNAYA ZVEZDA REPORTS A BANGLADESH ARMS PURCHASE
DELEGATION ENROUTE TO THE U.S.,
--TASS COMMENTARY ON CHINESE POLITICS IN LAST WEEK
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IS REPORTED SEPARATELY. END SUMMARY.

2. U.S. KRASNAYA ZVEZDA IN A SIGNED COMMENTARY CONDEMNS
THE "DEMONSTRATIVE DISCUSSION" IN THE U.S. OF POSSIBLE
BLOCKADES OR MILITARY INTERVENTION AGAINST CUBA, COMMENTING
THAT THE SECRETARY HAS "REPEATEDLY..." "WARNED" THAT COUNTRY
AND IMPLYING THAT SUCH WARNINGS HAVE INCLUDED THE THREAT
OF MILITARY ACTION. COMMENTARY SAYS THAT A PENTAGON

SPOKESMAN HAS CONFIRMED THAT PLANS FOR POSSIBLE MILITARY ACTION ARE BEING DEVELOPED. IT ASSERTS THAT THIS CAMPAIGN AGAINST CUBA IS BASED ON DISTORTIONS OF CUBAN POLICIES, AND HAS BEEN LAUNCHED IN AN ATTEMPT TO DISCREDIT CUBAN SOLIDARITY WITH NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND "TO SOW DOUBT" IN LATIN AMERICA ON CUBAN POLICIES. SIMILAR AIMS, IT CONTENDS, WERE FOLLOWED DURING THE SECRETARY'S TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA. IZVESTIYA TREATS US TO A GUS HALL DISCOURSE ON THE VARIOUS AILMENTS OF THE AMERICAN ECONOMY, AND PRAVDA REPORTS THAT USSR TREATED CPUSA NATIONAL CHAIRMAN HENRY WINSTON TO ORDER OF THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION IN KREMLIN CEREMONY APRIL 6. PRAVDA REBUTS THE ACDA STATEMENT ON SOVIET ARMS SALES (WITHOUT REFERRING TO IT BY QUOTING GENERAL FISH'S TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE ON U.S. ARMS SALES FIGURES AND THEN ASSERTING THAT "THE U.S. LONG AGO BECAME THE WORLD'S LARGEST ARMS SALESMAN." LITGAZ PUBLISHES A BRIEF INTERVIEW WITH JONATHAN MOORE, HEAD OF THE KENNEDY SCHOOL INSTITUTE OF POLITICS WHO VISITED LAST WEEK RECENTLY UNDER USIA AUSPICES, TO EFFECT THAT WHILE DETENTE "HAS PROVOKED SOME ARGUMENTS, IT WITHOUT DOUBT IS SUPPORTED BY THE MAJORITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE...IT SHOULD NOT BE MADE DEPENDENT ON THE PRESENT ELECTION CAMPAIGN...I AM CERTAIN THAT IT WILL CONTINUE TO ATTRACT AMERICANS AFTER THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN AS WELL." LITGAZ ALSO CRITICIZES ARTHUR MILLER FOR ALLEGED OPPOSITION TO DETENTE, AND PRESENTS ITS READERS WITH A FURTHER EXPOSE ON LOCKHEED DEALINGS WITH JAPAN.

3. FRG. A PRAVDA SIGNED COMMENTARY FUZZES EARLIER SOVIET PRESS ASSERTIONS THAT THE BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG ELECTIONS ARE NOT SIGNIFICANT BY SAYING THAT THE ELECTIONS DO SHOW THE CONTINUING SUSCEPTIBILITY OF "CERTAIN LAYERS" OF WEST GERMAN SOCIETY TO "SOCIAL AND NATIONALIST" DEMAGOGUERY. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FILBINGER, THE COMMENTARY ASSERTS, BUILD HIS CAMPAIGN AROUND "INFLAMING NATIONALIST SENTIMENTS." IT CONTINUES, HOWEVER, THAT EVEN STRAUSS CONFIDANTS STRESS THAT THE ELECTIONS ARE NO SURE INDICATION OF WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN SEPTEMBER, AND THE COMMENTARY ON ITS OWN HOOK ASSERTS THAT THE CDU VICTORY THE CDU VICTORY IN B-W IN 1972 DID NOT LEAD TO CDU/CSU VICTORY IN FEDERAL ELECTIONS.

4. SWEDEN. THE TASS REPORT ON THE FIRST DAY'S NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN KOSYGIN AND PALME, WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT BE AN AGREED STATEMENT, SPEAKS OF EFFORTS TO DEEPEN COOPERATION IN BOTH THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC/CULTURAL AREAS AND OF "COINCIDENCE" OF VIEWS IN MANY INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS. PARTICIPATION FROM BOTH SIDES SEEMS TO BE HEAVY ON REPRESENTATIVES FROM MINISTRIES INTERESTED IN TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

PRAVDA'S VERSION OF THE KOSYGIN AND PALME SPEECHES AT THE LUNCH APRIL 6 HAS KOSYGIN PRAISING SWEDISH-SOVIET RELATIONS EXTRAVAGANTLY AND AVOIDING CONTENTIOUS ISSUES. ONLY POINTS OF INTEREST IN HIS SPEECH ARE HIS REFERENCES TO THE CSCE FINAL ACT AS "CONFIRMING" THE RESULTS OF WW II, TO BREZHNEV'S NON-USE OF FORCE PROPOSAL, AND TO URANIUM ENRICHMENT. HE MAKES NO REFERENCE TO THE ENERGY-ENVIRONMENT-TRANSPORT PROPOSAL WHICH HAS BEEN COLD-SHOULDERED BY THE WEST IN ECE. PALME IN HIS ANSWERING SPEECH DOES NOT AVOID CONTENTIOUS ISSUES. HE SAYS THAT WHILE CONTINUING TO REGARD THE FINAL ACT AS A UNIFIED WHOLE, WE SHOULD NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE IMPORTANCE OF INDIVIDUAL PORTIONS. HE WELCOMES PROVISIONS "WHICH EQUATE THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS WITH OTHER PRINCIPLES," AND SPEAKS OF "CONTACT ACROSS BORDERS" IN OTHER AREAS, BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS AS WELL AS BETWEEN INSTITUTIONS. HE AFFIRMS "THE RIGHT OF SMALL STATES TO DEFEND THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND TO BUILD THEIR LIVES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE VALUES OF THEIR OWN PEOPLE"--WHICH CAN ALSO REFER TO PRAGUE IN 1968. PALME ALSO PRAISES THE STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLES OF SOUTHEAST ASIA FOR INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM AND THE FALL OF THE GREEK AND PORTUGUESE DICTATORSHIPS. HE DOES NOT REFER DIRECTLY TO ANGOLA, THOUGH HE LISTS "REMAINING COLONIALISM" IN SOUTH AFRICA ALONG WITH THE MIDDLE EAST AS PROBLEMS WHICH SHOULD BE RESOLVED. COMMENT: PALME IS THE WINNER ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POINTS SO FAR, EVEN IN THE PRAVDA VERSION OF HIS SPEECH. HE HAS SO FAR SIDE-STEPPED THE ISSUE OF NATIONAL-LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, AND WE WILL BE WATCHING WITH INTEREST TO SEE WHAT THE COMMUNIQUE SAYS ON THIS ISSUE.

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5. COMMUNIST AFFAIRS. V. YEZHOV, AN INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT STAFFER AT THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE, (LISTED ONLY IN HIS CAPACITY AS "PROFESSOR") CONTRIBUTES AN IZVESTIYA REVIEW ON A NEW GDR PUBLICATION "ON THE ROLE OF THE CPSU AND THE SOVIET UNION IN THE WORLD REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS." MAIN THRUST OF HIS ARTICLE IS THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS HISTORICALLY USED ITS STATE POWER AS INTERNATIONALIST DUTY TO BENEFIT THE WORLD REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT, THOUGH, HE ASSERTS, THE SOVIET UNION HAS ALWAYS OPPOSED THE EXPORT OF REVOLUTION. THE PRESENT "PEACE PROGRAM" IS "INDIVISIBLE FROM THE END GOALS OF THE WORKING CLASS REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT." YEZHOV ALSO DEALS BRIEFLY WITH THE PARTY'S ROLE IN REVOLUTIONARY THEORY IN STATEMENTS THAT THE CPSU HAS WORKED TO AVOID THE DANGERS OF "OPPORTUNISM AND REVISIONISM, WHICH CONDEMN THE WORKING CLASS TO DEFEAT; AND IN ANOTHER PASSING MENTION REASSERTING THE EXISTENCE OF UNIVERSAL LAWS IN THE REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS. COMMENT: THE ARTICLE LOOKS LIKE ANOTHER POTSHOT AT THE PCF FOR ITS ATTEMPTS TO PROMOTE A HARD LINE ON COLLABORATION WITH IMPERIALISM IN THE INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT PREPARATORY TALKS FOR THE EUROPEAN PARTY CONFERENCE. END COMMENT.

6. SPAIN. IZVESTIYA COVERAGE OF EVENTS IN SPAIN SAYS THAT THE "SOCIAL AND POLITICAL BASE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CARLOS NAVARRO ARIAS IS STEADILY NARROWING" AND REPORTS THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF JUAN CARLOS' UPCOMING VISIT TO CHILE "TO WHICH HE WAS INVITED BY PINOCHET." LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRAVDA REPORTS THAT "REPRESSION IS CONTINUING" AND SAYS THAT A GROUP OF SPANISH COMMUNISTS HAS BEEN SENTENCED TO JAIL TERMS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE PARTY AND FOR DISTRIBUTING COMMUNIST LITERATURE. COMMENT: FAIRLY HEAVY COVERAGE OF EVENTS IN SPAIN CONTINUES, WITH OCCASIONAL SHARP JABS F THE GOVERNMENT, AS IN THE IZVESTIYA PIECE. LINKING JUAN CARLOS TO PINOCHET, HOWEVER, IS ESPECIALLY CONDEMNATORY. END COMMENTARY.

7. EGYPT. KRASNAYA ZVEZDA AND PRAVDA REPORT ON AN ARTICLE IN THE CAIRO JOURNAL AT-TAILA WHICH ASSERTS THAT ABROGATION OF THE TREATY HAS CAUSED GREAT REGRET AMONG THOSE PATRIOTS WHO UNDERSTAND THE TRUE ROLE OF THE SOVIET UNION IN ITS SUPPORT OF NATIONAL-LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. THE ARTICLE ALSO SAYS, PRAVDA CLAIMS, THAT "THE PRESENT EGYPTIAN-AMERICAN RAPPROACHMENT...OBJECTIVELY AND FOR MAY REASONS CANNOT REPLACE FRIENDSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNION. IT IS NEITHER THEORETICALLY NOR PRACTICALLY POSSIBLE FOR THE U.S. TO CEASE SUPPORT OF ISRAEL."

COMMENT: PUBLICATION OF A REPORT ON THIS ARTICLE SERVES TO SHOW SUPPORT EVEN WITHIN EGYPT FOR THE SOVIET POINT OF VIEW IN THE PRESENT CONTROVERSY, AND ALSO TO SHOW THAT THERE REMAINS IN EGYPT A RESERVOIR OF GOOD WILL TOWARD THE SOVIET UNION WHICH COULD SERVE AS A BASIS FOR A RE-BUILDING OF THE RELATIONSHIP AT SOME LATER STAGE. END COMMENT.

9. BANGLADESH. KRASNAYA ZVEZDA REPORTS THE DEPARTURE FOR THE U.S. OF MARSHALL OF AVIATION M.G. TAVAB FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON THE PRUCHASE OF FIFTY PHANTOM AIRCRAFT. STOESEL

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